

**REMARKS**

Claims 6-24 were pending prior to entry of the above-identified amendments. By the above-identified amendments, Claims 7 and 12 are cancelled. Accordingly, upon entry of the above-identified amendment, Claims 6, 8-11 and 13-24 will be pending for further prosecution by the Examiner. In the event that the Examiner finds any questions regarding this communication that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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